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NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

1. The reply filed on 18 August 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): new Claims 7-24 are directed to an invention that is distinct from the originally claimed invention, as detailed below. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. In the explanation below, reference is made to the following inventions:

- I. Canceled Claims 1-6, drawn to a cryptographic system including a server, database, and key repository process, classified in class 380, subclass 279.
- II. New Claims 7-24, drawn to a method, system, and software implementation for generating multiple encryption keys, classified in class 380, subclass 45.

3. Newly submitted claims 7-24 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are

shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as generating asymmetric key pairs for use in cryptographic systems other than those of invention I. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 7-24 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachary A Davis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3870. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 8:30-6:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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